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Shocking statistics for sleeping rough in Southend

STREETS OF SHAME

'TRAGEDY': Borough is in the top ten nationwide for people sleeping rough
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By Michael Cox

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SOUTHEND charities have called for an increase in funding for homeless services after the borough was revealed to be in the top ten nationwide for rough sleepers.

HARP's chief executive Gill Garwood said it was "a tragedy" to witness the numbers of people having to sleep on the streets.

Her comment comes after the Government released figures from a one night snapshot that put Southend ninth in the country with 72 rough sleepers in 2017 – around five times higher than in 2014.

HARP said it showed the need for more funding for homeless services and agencies, both locally and nationally.

The statistics did not surprise Syrie Cox, CEO of Southend YMCA, which deals with youth homelessness.

She said: "We have seen a huge increase in our workload and the number of young people accessing our services who present as home-

less. Unless urgent action is taken by the Government now, the situation is only going to get worse.

"Whilst the Government has made a commitment to end rough sleeping by 2027, this will only be possible with proper levels of investment into the development of social housing and funding charities to deliver supported accommodation and services for homeless people to gain not only a roof over their head, but also their independence."

Mark Flewitt, Southend Council's executive councillor for housing, said the council was "absolutely committed" to its ongoing work to address rough sleeping in the borough.

He said: "These are not just words, but demonstrated by the actions we already take and will continue to take in the future, which go well beyond the statutory service we have to provide."

Cllr Flewitt highlighted the opening of a hostel in June last year for rough sleepers with complex needs and the Housing Solutions Team, which aims to

prevent homelessness.

He also cited the Church Winter Night Shelter partnership every year, which is responsible for people moving into accommodation, and its commissioning of services to the likes of HARP.

HARP supports more than 1,000 people each year that are homeless or at risk of homelessness, and can provide accommodation for 174 people.

Ms Garwood said the charity would carry on campaigning to end sleeping rough and it would do all it could to help people avoid homelessness.

She added: "No one should have to sleep on the streets in this day and age, but unfortunately more and more people are at risk of losing their tenancies and more support is needed to help the most vulnerable people within our community."

A HARP spokesman said the charity had seen an increase in the numbers of people becoming homeless due to societal changes such as "cuts to public services, changes to benefits, and soaring

property and rental prices", as well as an increasing number of people reporting poor mental health.

Ms Cox felt that people become homeless for "a multitude of reasons", including fleeing violence and abuse, benefit cuts, and family breakdowns.

She also claimed low levels of social and affordable housing being built were making homelessness a major issue.

Both of Southend's Tory MPs, Sir David Amess and James Duddridge, said they were working to address homelessness.

Mr Amess, Southend West MP, said he had the highest regard for the expertise of HARP and Southend YMCA and took their critical comments seriously.

He added: "The causes of homelessness/rough sleeping are often quite complex and I know that the Government, beside the resources that they have already committed to this issue, are looking urgently at how this growing problem can be rectified."

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POLICE are appealing to trace a man after an elderly woman from Westcliff was scammed into buying a watch worth thousands of pounds.

The woman, 86, was tricked into the purchase after receiving a telephone call from a man claiming to be from the 'National Fraud Squad', who alleged her bank card had been cloned.

She was told to hang up the phone and dial 999 to confirm he was genuine.

When she did so, the fraudsters kept the line open and she spoke to a different person who claimed the investigation was genuine.

She then spoke to the first person, who asked her to buy a Rolex watch worth a five figure sum.

He claimed this was to help the investigation because it was believed the watch was fake.

The woman refused but received numerous phone calls the following day.

The fraudsters claimed she was obstructing the police and she was persuaded to buy the watch.

After doing so, she was called again and asked to deliver the watch to a 'detective'. She refused and said they would need to go to her with ID to prove who they were.

They called persistently and she was persuaded to meet the person near Chalkwell train station, where she handed the watch over. An Essex Police spokesman said officers have

been carrying out enquiries since the incident took place over November 6 and 7.

Police have now released a CCTV image of a man they want to identify and speak to in connection with the investigation.

The man was described 18 and wore a black jacket with a red emblem on it.

DC Ed Massey, of the serious economic crime unit, said: "These fraudsters were very persuasive and the victim has been left distraught."

"I am determined to find those responsible for this crime before they can prey on any other vulnerable victims."

"If you receive a call you are not expecting and are suspicious of the conversation you have with the caller,

put the phone down and contact police on 101.

"Remember to wait at least five minutes before making the call or use a mobile or someone else's phone to ensure you are not reconnected to the fraudster."

"Police would never ask for your bank account details or PIN, nor ask you to withdraw money or to buy anything and to send to them via a courier, taxi or any other means. They would also never ask you to send your bank cards or other personal property to them."

Anyone who recognises the man pictured or has any information that could assist the investigation is asked to contact DC Massey in the Serious Economic Crime Unit at Chelmsford on 101.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Casino rape investigated

● POLICE are investigating the alleged rape of a woman in a toilet at a Southend casino.

An Essex Police spokesman said: "We were contacted with reports the 39-year-old victim was raped by a man in a toilet cubicle in Rendezvous Casino, Eastern Esplanade, sometime between 3.25am and 3.45am on Sunday."

"She is being supported by specialist officers and enquiries are ongoing."

Anyone with information is asked to call the Adult Sexual Abuse Investigation Team at Southend on 101 quoting reference 42/16421/18, report online at www.essex.police.uk/do-it-online or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or www.crimestoppers-uk.org.

Can you help?

● A LEIGH woman has been charged with two counts of fraud by false representation in connection with a charity fundraising collection between December 2016 and October 2017.

Kayla Rickenberg, 27, of Lansdowne Avenue, is due to appear at Southend Magistrates' Court on April 9.

The charges relate to allegations she dishonestly claimed a child was suffering from a terminal illness. Information to PC David Grant at Southend Police Station on 101 quoting reference 42/142069/17.

Home learning at SEC

● SOUTH Essex College has launched a range of courses that adults can complete at home to gain industry recognised qualifications.

The college has created free flexible learning courses in nearly 30 specialisms. A spokesman for the college said the level two courses are completed online at the learner's own pace, within the time frame of the individual qualification. For more information about all the courses on offer, visit

www.southessex.ac.uk/flexible or contact the College's Course Advisers via courseadvisers@southessex.ac.uk

Southend gets £15m for 1,300 homes

THE GOVERNMENT has approved £15million funding to go towards a major development in Southend.

It was announced on Thursday that the bid from Southend Council for money to go towards the Better Queensway project had been accepted.

The money will come from the Housing Infrastructure Fund and is the second largest single allocation awarded to a project across the country.

The announcement was described as "fantastic" by the council's deputy leader Ann Holland.

She said: "This funding

would allow us to fully deliver the ambitious proposals that we have for the Queensway site and the associated infrastructure required in partnership with the private sector.

"We want a development made up of high quality housing, a better living environment and a better place for people to enjoy and this funding will help us to realise that ambition."

"The fact we have secured the second largest allocation out of 134 bids being funded highlights the hard work and dedication of our officer team and partners, but also the

confidence in our plans and in Southend-on-Sea as an investment location."

Proposals for the Better Queensway project have concluded the public consultation stage, and include around 1,300 homes, including a minimum of 441 'affordable' homes, as well as improving access to the town centre.

A report on Better Queensway will be presented to the council's cabinet on Tuesday, February 13, including an update on the public consultation and the next steps to find a joint venture partner.



DELIGHTED: Council leader John Lamb and deputy Ann Holland



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NEWS

United councils ready for government showdown over plan for new homes

By Charles Thomson

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SEVEN councils across south Essex have formed a union to stand up to Government over its demand for almost 100,000 new homes in the region.

Basildon, Brentwood, Castle Point, Rochford, Southend and Thurrock councils have teamed up with Essex County Council to form the Association of South Essex Local Authorities (ASELA).

The group is expected to tell Government that if it wants the level of development across the county that it currently demands, it needs to pay for

infrastructure improvements.

Tory Ian Ward, who represents Rochford Council at ASELA, said: "We need Government to get involved because we are not going to be able to have that number of houses unless we have a huge investment from Government to get it going."

"Because over the years, all we've had is a load of development and the infrastructure to support it hasn't been sufficient."

The seven councils said last week they had signed a memorandum of understanding to work together for the collective good.

Basildon Council described the union

as "game-changing", while Rochford Council leader Terry Cutmore called it "momentous".

UKIP councillor Linda Allport-Hodge, who represents Basildon at ASELA, said: "It's really to strengthen our negotiating power with Government."

"If we are being asked to deliver the extent of housing and economic growth that we are, then we want to be able to ask for something in return."

Among the group's aims are securing funding to widen the A13 and the A127, said Cllr Allport-Hodge, and to adapt the c2c rail line so it can accommodate the anticipated population growth.

More support for people sleeping rough

From front page

"I'm working closely with local authorities to see how best we can help them."

Rochford and Southend East MP, Mr Duddridge, a "staunch supporter" of the Homeless Reduction Bill, said he wanted to reassure constituents he would continue to work with stakeholders involved in reducing homelessness in Southend.

He said: "The Homelessness Reduction Act will place new legal duties on councils so that everyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness will have access to meaningful help, irrespective of their priority need status, as long as they are eligible for assistance."

Cllr Flewitt said the council was devel-

oping a housing strategy, which would include tackling homelessness and vowed: "We will not turn our back on those vulnerable people that need our help and, where legislation allows us, will continue to demonstrate our commitment to them."

He also called for the UK to adopt a national homelessness register, adding: "We spend a disproportionate time investigating individuals' backgrounds to identify their needs and what help we can provide - time and resource that could be put to better use if a national database and better collaboration existed between areas."

A Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government spokesman said: "No one should ever have to sleep rough."

That's why this Government is committed to halving rough sleeping by 2022 and eliminating it altogether by 2027.

"To break the cycle we are investing £1bn to support those left with nowhere to go, plus more than £9bn to deliver the affordable properties our country needs."

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Masked knifeman jailed

A MAN has been jailed for five and a half years after he carried out an armed robbery at a betting shop in Leigh wearing a Halloween mask.

Dean Page, 30, of Preston Gardens, Rayleigh, was sentenced at Basildon Crown Court on Friday, February 2.

He received five years and six months for robbery and one year for possession of a knife, to run concurrently.

Page, who admitted the offences on Friday, December 22, was also ordered to pay £400 compensation to the betting shop and £170 victim surcharge.

The knife has been seized and will

be destroyed.

At around 8.30pm on Wednesday, November 1, Page walked into Ladbrokes, in Rayleigh Road, Leigh, wearing a Halloween mask and jumped onto the counter holding a knife.

He threatened two members of staff and demanded cash, before leaving with around £400.

Officers quickly identified the suspect and after attending Page's home without reply, he handed himself into Southend police station on Tuesday, November 21.

DI Chris Rose, of Southend CID, said: "Page carried out terrifying robbery armed with a large knife

wearing a Halloween mask.

"The victims were unharmed but have been left shaken by the ordeal they suffered.

"My team was quick to identify Page as the suspect and increased the pressure on him before he walked into custody and admitted the offences.

"I would like to praise the victims for their courage and bravery and Ladbrokes for supporting us throughout our investigations.

"I would also like to praise the investigating officer, DC Chris Adam, for his hard work ahead and after charge, resulting in Page being jailed."



JAILED: Dean Page left staff 'shaken' after he raided Rayleigh Road Ladbrokes wearing a Halloween mask.

Suspended prison sentence for 'reckless' attacker after victim placed in a coma

A WESTCLIFF man has avoided prison despite throwing a punch which knocked another man unconscious and left him in a coma.

James Hyde, 21, of Wenham Drive, was handed a suspended jail term at Basildon Crown Court.

Hyde was waiting at a taxi rank on London Road, Southend, with two other people at around 3.40am on Friday, December 22, 2017, when the victim approached alone.

After exchanging words, Hyde punched the man in the face, caus-

ing him to fall and hit his head on the ground and leaving him unconscious.

The victim was taken to hospital in Southend where it was established he had suffered a fractured skull and an intracranial haemorrhage.

He was placed in an induced coma before being transferred to hospital in London for specialist treatment.

Essex Police said the crime was serious enough to release Hyde's mugshot to the public.

The Essex Police spokesman said the victim had since been brought out of the coma and, although his injuries are no longer considered to be life-changing, a long period of neurological physiotherapy is set to be needed in order to help him fully recover.

Officers reviewed CCTV, which showed the attack in its entirety, and managed to track Hyde's movements leading up to the incident, including where he had placed his hands on a restaurant window.

A palm print was recovered from the window and Hyde was arrested at his home just before 4pm on the same day.

He was charged and at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on December 23 he admitted inflicting grievous bodily harm.

Hyde was sentenced last Wednesday a 12 month prison sentence suspended for two years, told to carry out 200 hours of unpaid work and given an electronic tag with a curfew for six months.

Investigating officer PC Matt Harris, from Southend CID, said: "James Hyde's actions were completely reckless and have left with the victim with injuries that may well affect him for the rest of his life.

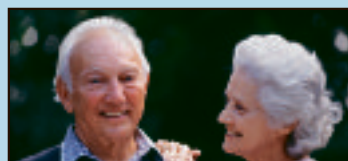
"Due to the evidence against him, he was left with no choice but to admit his crime.

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TOUGH DECISION: Southend CCG chairman Dr José García Lobera

SOUTHEND Clinical Commissioning Group says it will only fund one round of IVF treatment for residents under 40 after a public consultation.

The CCG approved a recommendation to revise its policy for funding specialist fertility services including IVF.

It had originally consulted over plans to remove all NHS funding for IVF in Southend but announced last week its intention to fund one round for Southend residents under 40.

Dr José García Lobera, chairman of Southend CCG, said: "It has been an incredibly tough decision for the CCG governing body members to make but we have listened to the responses of the public consultation and rather than fully restrict IVF, we are offering one cycle of IVF to those under the age of 40.

"We are aware it will be a huge disappointment for people affected by fertility issues in Southend. Members have considered every aspect of its decision and in particular the profound concerns that some people have expressed about revising this policy.

"But at this moment in time the CCG needs to make £10million in savings and further savings next year.

"We have to consider the complete picture for the local NHS – current demands for services are costing more than the money available."

Dr García Lobera said the CCG would review the decision again in February next year.

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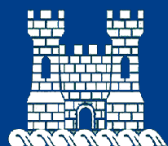
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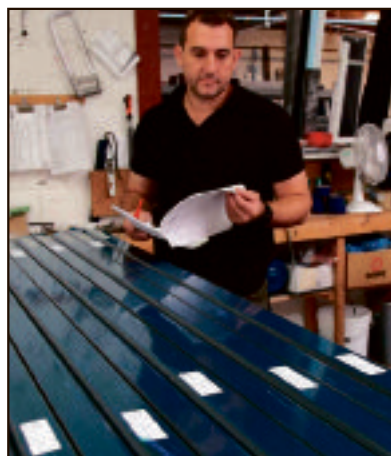
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Inspectors rate care home 'outstanding'



CARING: Staff, left, and above entertaining residents at Crowstone House, Westcliff

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In a report, inspectors wrote that "people were consistently cared for by kind, caring, respectful and compassionate staff".

Care home residents told inspectors they felt "mattered" and that staff "always listened to them and helped them in any way they could".

Inspectors praised the care home for giving residents "excellent personalised care" tailored to each individual, and found residents were very positive about their lives and spoke of trips to the theatre, seafont and cafes.

Inspectors wrote: "It was

clear throughout our inspection and from the many people, relatives, staff and professionals we spoke with that the service was run for the people they cared for.

"All the processes and systems in the service governed by management supported an inclusive person centred culture that allowed people to access their community, live full lives and really engage with each other, with their relatives and staff in a way that brought happiness to everyone in the service."

The report said there was a "wonderful personal relation-

ship between staff, people and their loved ones" and residents were protected from the risk of harm by the service's systems, processes and practices.

A relative told inspectors: "I know when I go home that my relative is safe and well cared for - that makes a huge difference to us."

"My relative tells us that they feel safe here."

The home was rated "outstanding" in three of CQC's criteria, and "good" in two others.

Care home manager Ajam Karim said it was hoping to improve after being rated "good" overall at its previous inspection but did not expect the outstanding ratings across three areas.

"We are extremely pleased that CQC has recognised the hard work and dedication of staff," he added.

"We achieved this because we are very inclusive and we involve residents themselves and relatives in everything that we do in the home so it is a very open culture."

"I would like to give credit to the staff - it is a team effort that made this possible."

A CARE home in Westcliff has been given an "outstanding" rating following an inspection.

Crowstone House, in Crowstone Avenue, was praised by the Care Quality Commission following a visit in November.

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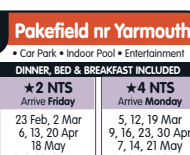
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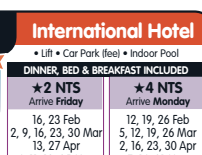
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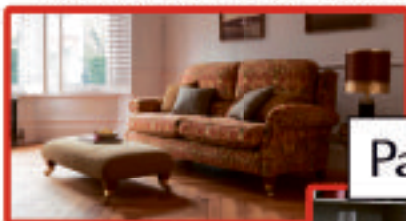
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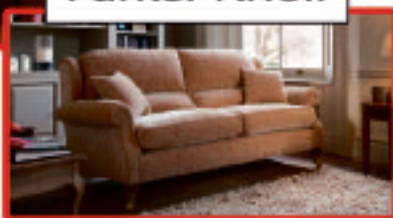


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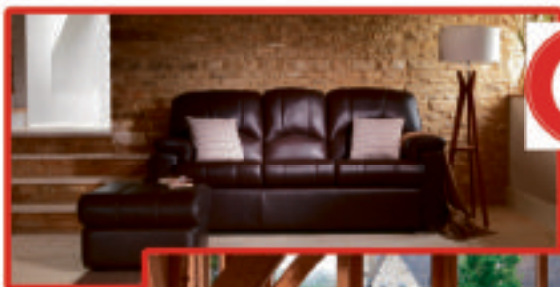


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Charity's Lotto joy

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The money from the Big Lottery Fund is for the continued running of the Growing Together gardens in Westcliff and Shoeburyness.

A charity spokesman said the grant will help it to support more than 500 adults with mental health problems and learning disabilities over the next three years.

Matt King, CEO of Trust Links, said: "We are delighted to have been awarded this grant from the Big Lottery Fund."

"This money will enable us to continue our life-changing projects for adults with mental health problems and learning disabilities over the next three years."

The charity also runs Growing Together projects in Thundersley and Rochford as well as managing St Laurence Orchard in Eastwood.



BOOST: Members, volunteers and staff celebrate the £315,000 award at Growing Together Westcliff

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Hard Brexit idea is just plain daft

FINALLY Keith Little (*YA Letters, February 2*) has said something on the subject of Brexit I agree with. He said: "I was daft."

He was daft to think that we needed to leave the EU to control our borders. We've always had control over immigration, it's just that successive governments understood our economy needs migrant workers.

Ironically one of the first things the Indian government have asked for in any trade deal will be a more relaxed immigration regime.

He was daft to think that the EU leaders are unelected. All 28 members of the Council of Ministers are elected as are all 751 MEPs in the parliament.

Only the commissioners aren't directly elected, but they are chosen by the Council of Ministers who are.

He was daft to think that a group of 27 countries working together wouldn't be in a stronger position than the UK on its own.

And he was daft to think that anyone would be able to unravel 40 years of successful cooperation in a few months.

He was also daft to think that Brexit could ever be a success as this week's leaked analysis shows.

The UK is in a globalised world with international integrated supply chains. That just emphasised how damaging his

daft idea of a hard Brexit will be for the UK.

**Paul Martin
Rayleigh**

Let people decide in a new EU vote

THANKS to a leaked government report (which the Tories didn't want you to see), we now know how diabolically bad any form of Brexit will be for the British people.

A hard Brexit, including no deal with the EU, will mean eight per cent less growth in the economy (that's £56billion less for already cash-strapped services such as the NHS, schools, housing and the police etc, or £56bn in tax increases).

A hard Brexit, including a free trade deal, is slightly less disastrous but will still mean five per cent less growth (or £35bn in spending cuts/tax increases).

A soft Brexit, with Britain remaining in the Single Market and the Customs Union, is least disastrous but will still mean two per cent less growth (or £14bn in spending cuts/tax increases). Ouch.

No wonder the Tories have suppressed/rubbished every Brexit impact assessment they've produced.

Before Christmas the hapless Brexit minister David Davis claimed that 57 impact assessments (by each industrial sector) "didn't exist" just weeks

after alerting us to their existence.

Now the government is saying that the current impact assessments (of the overall economy) are "not complete".

Theresa May knows how bad it will be which is why she voted Remain, and knows the evidence supports her decision.

So why does Britain insist on continuing to inflict such pain on ourselves?

It was because the people voted for it. Of course.

But no one voted to make themselves poorer did they?

Many won't vote for it again after understanding what these disastrous figures mean for them and their families.

I suspect many voted to limit EU immigration but that won't happen because EU citizens will simply exercise their "freedom of movement" to travel to the Republic of Ireland and enter Britain via the border with Northern Ireland.

That's why a second referendum, offering the two least painful options, is essential.

We should choose between (a) Leaving the EU but remaining in the Single Market and Customs Union (at an annual cost of several billion pounds but with no influence on the rules) or (b) continued EU membership on the terms negotiated by David Cameron.

Let the people decide, now we know how disastrous Brexit will be, and once we know what the deal is.

**David Bodimeade
Rayleigh**

New district police chief targets cut in recorded burglaries

THE new District Commander of Southend's police has vowed to reduce burglaries and make his officers more accessible to the public.

Chief Inspector Neil Pudney was announced as Southend's new top officer on Thursday, February 1.

He replaces Chief Inspector Scott Cannon, following his promotion to the role of Detective Superintendent.

He joined Essex Police in 1994, straight from university, and spent his first six years as a uniformed officer.

He said: "My focus will be to target those crimes which pose the greatest risk and to protect those who are most vulnerable."

Mr Pudney, who is married with two young children, described Southend as a "wonderful borough" and said he had "actively sought out" his new position.



PLEDGE: Chief Inspector Neil Pudney

He said: "I'm really proud to be the new District Commander for Southend."

After joining the force Mr

Pudney moved to CID in 2002, and was promoted to the rank of detective sergeant in 2004.

He became a detective inspector in 2011 and a detective chief inspector in 2016.

Speaking after his appointment in Southend was announced, he said: "During my time as Detective Chief Inspector for the south of the county, we saw the number of recorded burglaries reduce hugely and that is something I want to replicate in Southend."

"I believed strongly in proactively targeting offenders and placing the victim at the heart of everything we do."

"This is something I will impress upon my teams and ensure their values reflect mine."

"I have a huge passion for community policing and I believe partnership work and public engagement is crucial to make our communities safer."

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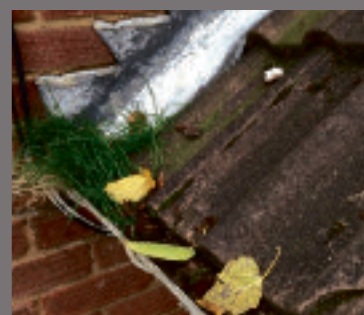
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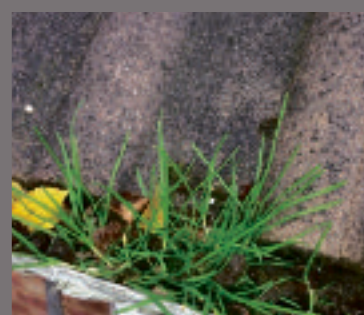
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Parking charge change

Two town centre car parks could retain one hour parking option to ease driver cost burden

SOUTHEND Council is set to retain the one hour parking band all year round at two of its town centre car parks – but still plans to scrap it at the others.

The council revealed proposals to ditch one hour, three hour

and five hour charging bands at each of its town centre car parks in the draft budget.

But Cllr Tony Cox, executive councillor for transport, said the council is now planning to keep the one hour band at the Tylers

Avenue and York Road car parks all year round, as well as in the winter season at Seaway.

He said: "This modification would provide more one-hour parking options in the central High Street area, to go along-

side what would still be available at Short Street, Civic Centre and the Beecroft, and at all on-street bays across the borough.

"Initial draft budget proposals regarding charging bands in the High Street have undoubtedly started a wider debate about the future of the High Street, and how we attract people and get them to stay longer in our High Street.

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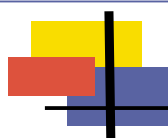


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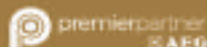
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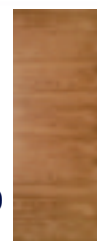
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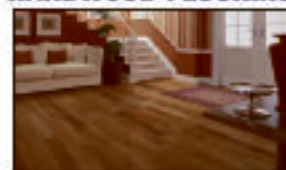
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FAB FOURPLAY

By Lewis Berrill

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BEATLEMANIA will descend upon Southend this April in a manner reminiscent of the band's heyday. The most famous Fab Four tribute act, The Bootleg Beatles, will play the Cliffs Pavilion on Thursday, April 12, as part of their latest UK tour.

The band will be accompanied by their renowned string and brass ensemble.

Since their

50th anniversary shows, the band see the upcoming tour as a chance to celebrate a year which saw them perform at Glastonbury.

The Bootleg Beatles have become an institution in their own right with their note-perfect recreation of hits from every era of the world's most famous song-book.

Every tiny detail is meticulously covered from costumes to authentic instruments; from the Liverpudlian banter to their "inflection perfect" vocal mimicry.

The Beatles are a musical phenomenon like no other.

Never has the world been gripped by such feverish admiration for a band in the way the Beatles inspired droves of dedicated fans.

In anticipation of the show, the *Yellow Advertiser* sat down for an exclusive interview with

inception in the 1980s The Bootleg Beatles have travelled the globe performing for fans and dignitaries in dozens of countries.

The act, now in its second formulation, was once described by the late George Martin as "a terrific show".

Fresh from a special run of Sgt. Pepper

The Bootleg Beatles' "Paul McCartney", bassist Steve White, who assured us no other tribute band can match their authenticity and electricity.

The question of best Beatles record is debated up and down the country, in pubs, parks, living rooms, and yet we are no closer

er to consensus, such is the vast range of musical sounds and styles produced by the band.

Steve's personal favourite is Abbey Road. "It's

very clever" he said. "It was more of an array of snippets of songs, than a normal album, but they managed to stick them all

together with the magic Beatles glue." While fans may disagree on the band's music they are often staggeringly alike in their unrivalled passion.

Famously The Beatles stopped gigging on August 31, 1966 as it had become impossible to hear their music over the deafening screams from the crowd. Steve guffawed when I asked him whether their shows were blighted in a similar way.

"No, it is nowhere near as frantic as what the original four dealt with. However, we do have some incredibly lively fans who come to the shows, but nothing like the craziness of the Sixties."

Steve insists Paul was always his favourite member. "There is a certain level of mysticism surrounding John Lennon, seeing as he was taken from us so early in his life, but I have always gravitated to Paul."

"I feel naturally akin to Paul as we are both born in the same month."

However, they do not share the same natural handedness, Steve is right-handed, Paul is a lefty. To ensure the ultimate authentic experience Steve had to relearn the bass with his weaker hand.

He explained: "It was so important to get that correct Beatles silhouette, with Paul's guitar sticking out in the correct direction."

Steve dedicated himself to a gruelling regime to get it just right. "At first it was so difficult, I couldn't even hold a plectrum or get the thing on comfortably" he recalled.

For three months he played eight to 10 hours a day, often eat-

ing meals with his guitar still around his neck.

"Moving back from my left hand to my right-handed guitars is like coming home from work, kicking off your uncomfortable work shoes, and getting into some warm slippers" he joked.

He finished by telling me how excited he is to play in Southend,

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When we left heroine Anastasia Steele (Dakota Johnson) at the end of *Fifty Shades Darker*, her riding crop-wielding beau – buff billionaire Christian Grey (Jamie Dornan) – had just emerged unscathed from crash-landing his helicopter, and lecherous fiction editor Jack Hyde (Eric Johnson) was poised to wreak revenge on Ana for getting him the sack for sexual harassment.

In the third and final picture, Ana walks down the aisle to Christian in front of friends and family including his mother Grace (Marcia Gay Harden), brother Elliot (Luke Grimes) and sister Mia (Rita Ora).

The happy couple look forward to building a new life together in a luxurious home designed by architect Gia Matteo (Arielle Kebbel) but the return of Jack during the honeymoon puts both Ana and Christian in jeopardy.

They rely on bodyguards Jason Taylor (Max Martini) and Luke Sawyer (Brant Daugherty) to keep them safe while Ana has unfinished business with Elena Lincoln (Kim Basinger), the woman who seduced Christian when he was 15 and refuses to let him go.

It's time for Mrs Steele-Grey (ho ho!) to stand by her man.

The fact that no preview copies have been released to the press for review before the film's release may be a telling factor here.

Released: February 9

Jamie Dornan as Christian Grey and
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Friday, February 9

- Live Music – Billericay Constitutional Club, 1a High Street, CM12 9BE. 12.30-2.30pm. £7 door. 01277 651844.
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- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group – Nevenden Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm. Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm. Snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm, 01268 465854.
- Book Club – George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am, 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes – Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis – Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.

Saturday, February 10

- Quiz night – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 7.30pm. £6 per head, max 8 people per table. Proceeds to 2nd Thundersley Scout Group. To book: 01268 752012.
- Saturday Club – for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The

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- Yugioh Club – play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 6EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm. 07985 671289.
- Saturday Morning Club – St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, 01702 437863.

Sunday, February 11

- South East Essex Ramblers – five miles, Westcliff, Prittlewell and north Southend, 10am, meet car park corner London and Hamlet Court Road, SS0 7HZ. Details: 01702 254372.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz Duo – Woodmans Arms, Rayleigh Road, Thundersley, 1pm. 01268 775799.
- Brush Strokes Art Group – Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Exercise Class for stroke victims – St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Sunday School – The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation – Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend – Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff, 10am to noon, 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club – TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), 10.45-11.45am, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club – Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07756 658799.

Monday, February 12

- Walking football sessions – Civic Hall, Grays, 6-7pm, £2 per session.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet – Graham Hunter trumpet/Dave Mascal guitar, Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, Southend, 8.30pm. Details 01702 512819.
- Bowls – FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.
- Green bowls – Mopsies Park, Vange, details 01268 558756.
- Coffee Morning and sale of goods – Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon.
- Club 50+ – 1B Queen's Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning – for parents in Craylands and Felmores area, Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call 07880 035968, or just turn up.
- Dance Class – usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scabble Club – 7-10pm, Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Turn up or call 01268 727915.
- Senior Citizens Club – Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Counselling Service – Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes – Fryerns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
- Duplicate Bridge – Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call 01702 343611 or 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge – Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Blvd, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop – St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, 6-8pm, Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group – 8-10pm, Bowers and Pitsea Football Club, Crown Avenue, Pitsea. SS13 2BE. 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba – Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh – welcomes new members, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls, Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls – Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777666.
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- Senior Citizens Club – Ghylgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Evening of clairvoyance – 57 Point Road, Canvey, SS8 7TT. 3pm, £3 all profits to charity. Tel: 07922 001433 or 01268 691922.
- Development Healing Circle – Face

- Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

Tuesday, February 13

- Pancake party bonanza – West Leigh Baptist Church, 1150 London Rd, SS9 2AJ. 10am-3pm. Details: 07872554252.
- Computer help session – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Free. 01277 624624.
- Painting class – The Studio, Glebelands Nursery, Hawkwell, Hockley, SS5 4JY. 10.30am-12.30pm. Details 01702 30717.
- Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314983.
- Social Dance Class – ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.
- Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Rd, Leigh. 2.30-4pm. 01702 471873.
- Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedds Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff. Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
- Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritual Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, 7.15pm, £2.50.
- Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm. 01702 715111.
- Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
- Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
- Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm. Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
- Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, Basildon, SS14 2TJ, 9.30am-2pm.
- Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
- Top Cats Social Club (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.

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The restaurant is in a stunning location with views over the Thames Estuary.

Simply Seafood & Grill, has been run by Manos for the last four years.

The restaurant itself is small, intimate and welcoming, with contemporary décor and immaculately clean throughout, leading onto a terraced outdoor seating area where you can enjoy alfresco dining surrounded with the most beautiful view.

We were greeted by a very friendly waitress, who catered for us the entire sitting.

I chose grilled Cornish sardines with dressed salad and my colleague had potted shrimp to start which was a delight on the palette.

For our main course I chose oak smoked haddock fillet, served with piping hot spring onion mash, poached hen's egg with a chervil sauce, which was delicious, and my colleague had stuffed sea bass with halibut prawn mousse served with white wine, chive and lemon

sauce – fantastic flavours that melted in the mouth.

Manos also does gourmet evenings and Greek nights which I would be very tempted to come back for.

The food was beautifully presented and the portion sizes were adequate. We couldn't

manage a dessert, even though the menu was tempting. I would highly recommend Simply Seafood. It is one of Old Leigh's hidden gems.

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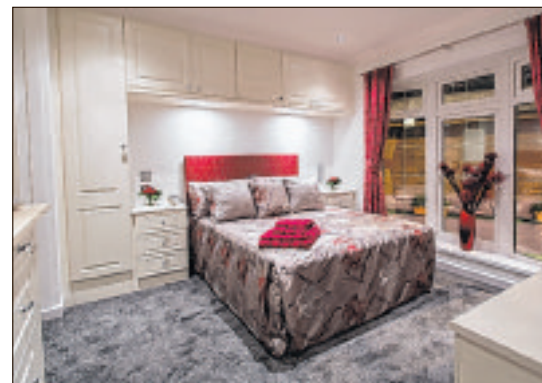
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EASTWOOD £329,995

This lovely refurbished bungalow is situated in a particularly sought after location of Eastwood close to the country park and local shops. This superb bungalow will sell fast so early viewing is advised. New wiring, plumbing, heating, floor coverings, kitchen with appliances, luxury bathroom, internal doors etc, superb 75' south facing garden with decking terrace and new block paved parking/ driveway Ref etl5644



WESTCLIFF £375,000 oieo

Three bedroom detached family size bungalow with Detached garage/ outbuilding, in and out driveway, large lounge, new bathroom, new kitchen, attractive garden, gas central heating and double glazing, sought after location off Prittlewell Chase, convenient for Southend Hospital, schools, including the high schools and Southend Airport.



FOUR BEDROOM CHALET HADLEIGH/ LEIGH BORDERS £449,995

Situated in a particularly sought after location close to the Nature Reserve is this four bedroom semi-detached chalet style home with impressive 43' road frontage and large secluded garden. Internally the property offers stunning open plan accommodation Four bedrooms, en suite shower, superb conservatory, extensively fitted kitchen, 75' rear garden, parking for 5 cars, QUICK SALE REQUIRED Ref etl5621



PROBATE SALE - DETACHED HOUSE, GREAT WAKERING £365,000

Keys are available to view this detached house situated in a sought after cul-de-sac location with a pretty walled rear garden backing onto paddocks and open fields (view shown above) the village shops, amenities and school are just a short walk away. Three good size bedrooms, cloaks w.c., bathroom and separate w.c., superb 24' x 14'6" lounge, separate 13' x 9'1" dining room/ conservatory, spacious kitchen, gas c/h and d/glazing, NO ONWARD CHAIN Ref etl5651



PROBATE SALE, HIGHLANDS, LEIGH £465,000

A four bedroom semi detached house with detached garage situated in a sought after location within the Westleigh Schools Catchment area and walking distance of Leigh Station. Good size south backing garden. Large lounge and separate dining room, groundfloor w.c., spacious kitchen. The property requires MODERNISATION. Ref etl5646



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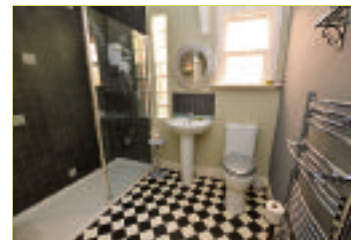
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Daws Heath Road, RAYLEIGH

£530,000

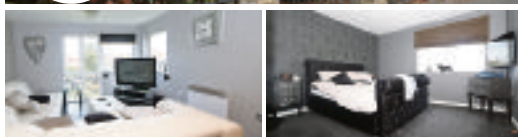


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Impressive Four Bedroom Family Residence \ Super Position Adjacent To Lower Wyburn Woods \ Wonderful Location in Countryside Yet Short Walk To Rayleigh High Street \ Stylishly Decorated Home \ En Suite To Master Bedroom Suite \ Two Lounges \ Modern Kitchen/Dining Room \ Interesting Garden \ Family Bathroom \ Separate Wet Room \ Substantial Family Living Space \ Sure To Generate Huge Interest \ Off Street Parking For Vehicles \ Call Hockley Office on 01702 207720 or live chat at amosestates.com

LEIGH-ON-SEA / £235,000



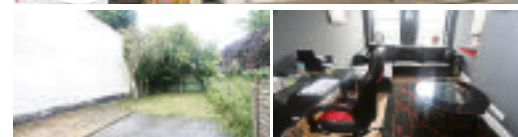
Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment In This Popular Block Ideally Located For Leigh Broadway & Station \ Lounge/Kitchen 19'11 x 12'2 \ Bedroom One 14'1 max x 12'1 With En-Suite Shower Room \ Bedroom Two 12'4 max x 8'9 \ Modern Three Piece Bathroom \ Convenient Location \ Close To local Amenities \ Allocated Parking Space \ Communal Gardens \ Realistically Priced \ Sole Agents \ Must be Viewed \ Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com

THUNDERSLEY / Guide £400,000 - £420,000



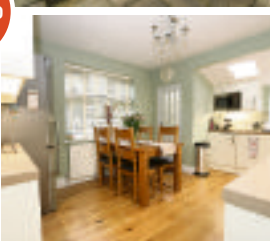
Extended Three Bedroom Detached Family Home \ Garage And Off Street Parking \ Secluded Compact South Backing Rear Garden \ Lounge/Diner 22'7 x 18'9 \ Kitchen 14'5 x 9'3 \ Ground Floor Cloakroom \ Bedroom One 14'7 x 9'4 With En-Suite Shower Room \ Bedroom Two 11'2 x 10'2 \ Bedroom Three 7'7 x 7'3 \ Bathroom \ Kitchen Having Double Oven, Hob, Fridge Freezer, Dishwasher, Washing Machine And Tumble Dryer All To Remain, All Approximately 6 Years Old \ Nest Heating \ UPVC Double Glazing \ Popular Location \ King John & Kingston School Catchment \ Sole Agents \ Viewings Advised \ EPC - D \ Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com

HADLEIGH / £240,000



Central Hadleigh Development Opportunity \ Arranged As A Commercial Unit And A Two Story Maisonette This Freehold Opportunity Has Planning Permission To Alter With A Small Extension Into A One One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat, A First Floor Two Bedroom Flat While Retaining The Current Office \ Situated In The Heart Of Hadleigh Town Centre \ Attractive Investment Proposition \ No Onward Chain \ Rare Opportunity \ Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com

BENFLEET / Guide £350,000 - £375,000



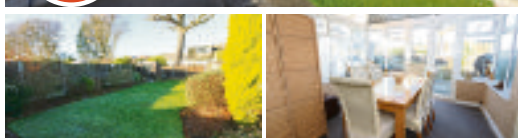
An Exceptional Deceptively Large Property Having Been The Subject Of Considerable Investment Throughout Using High Quality Furnishings \ Lounge 16'8 x 11'3 \ Study 8' x 6' \ Conservatory 9'7 x 8'11 \ Kitchen/Diner 15'1 x 11'6 \ Luxury Shower Room \ Bedroom One 14' x 9'5 \ Master Bedroom 14'10 x 11'1 \ En-Suite Bathroom 11'10 x 6'1 \ 66ft Landscaped Rear Garden \ Cabin 14'7 x 11'8 \ Off Street Parking \ High Quality Boiler \ Good Access To Schools For All Ages \ Close To Hadleigh Country Park \ 1.4 Miles From Benfleet Mainline Station \ Close To Local Amenities \ Viewings Advised \ No Onward Chain \ EPC - D \ Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com

SOUTH BENFLEET / £440,000



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THUNDERSLEY / Guide £350,000 - £375,000



Attractive Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Family Home \ Lounge/Diner 27'11 x 10'11 \ Conservatory 11'5 x 11'11 \ Kitchen 10'10 x 8'9 \ Bedroom One 15'10 x 10'11 \ Bedroom Two 10'10 x 10'1 \ Bedroom Three 8'5 x 6'7 \ Bathroom \ West Facing Rear Garden \ Garage \ Off Street Parking \ Popular & Sought After Location \ King John School Catchment \ Easy Access Of Local Shopping Facilities Including The Co-Op \ Close To Seaview College And Runnymede \ Short Distance Of Hadleigh Town Centre \ UPVC Double Glazing Throughout \ Viewings Advised \ Call 01702 555888 or chat at amosestates.com

HADLEIGH / GUIDE £400,000 - £425,000



New Build detached homes - ready approximately September 2018. In this quiet yet convenient cul-de-sac a short stroll from Hadleigh town centre to be built to an excellent standard using stylish furnishings throughout with a south/west backing rear garden and off street parking. Rare opportunity. Please note that permission has been granted for a two bedroom detached house; planning for a three bedroom will be considered in the near future. This exciting new development in the heart of Hadleigh is tucked away in a quiet cul de sac within Daws Heath in one of the most sought roads locally being a short stroll from local woodland, Hadleigh Town Centre and Hadleigh Country park. Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com

THUNDERSLEY / Guide £300,000 - £310,000



A Charming Very Well Presented Semi-Detached Cottage Retaining Much Character And Many Fine Features Throughout \ Lounge/Diner 20' x 10'8 \ Kitchen/Breakfast Room 11'11 x 10'6 \ Inner Hall/Utility Space 9'1 x 9'1 \ Bathroom \ Bedroom One 11'1 x 10' \ Bedroom Two 12' x 10' \ 130ft West Backing Rear Garden \ Off Street Parking For Two Vehicles \ Extended To The Ground Floor \ Convenient Location \ Easy Access Of A127 And A13 Trunk Roads \ Viewings Essential \ EPC - D \ Call 01702 555888 or live chat at amosestates.com

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Hadleigh / £1,350 pcm



TO LET



This Is A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow In Hadleigh Within A Quiet Residential Area / Lounge - Diner 24'62 x 10'84 / Modern Kitchen - Breakfast Room 16'56 x 8'76 / Modern Bathroom Suite 6'88 x 5'61 / Separate WC / Master Bedroom 12'71 x 11'23 / Bedroom Two 8'73 x 8'62 / Bedroom Three 8'36 x 7'65 / Large Rear Garden / Off Street Parking / Garage / EPC Band D / Available Immediately / Fees Apply /

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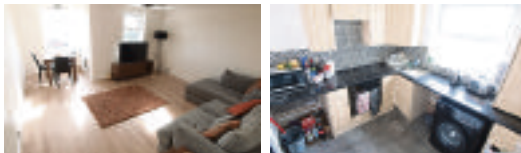


This Is A Three Bedroom Detached Bungalow In Hadleigh Within Walking Distance To The Amenities / Lounge 19'74 x 12'12 / Kitchen 18'08 x 10'12 / Lean To 15'89 x 7'72 / Master Bedroom 13'29 x 13'23 / Bedroom Two 10'87 x 8'93 / Bedroom Three 10'79 x 8'54 / Bathroom Suite 7'75 x 6'16 / Rear Garden With Large Shed / Front Driveway / Carport / Available Immediately / EPC Band E / Fees Apply /

Hadleigh / £850 pcm



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A Spacious, Modern, First Floor Flat In Hadleigh Opposite The Salvation Army Fields / Lounge 18'02 x 15'20 / Modern Kitchen 9'52 x 8'73 / Three Piece Bathroom Suite 11'19 x 4'58 / Master Bedroom 13'47 x 9'87 / Bedroom Two 11'21 x 8'83 / Allocated Parking / EPC Band C / Available Immediately / Fees Apply /

Rayleigh / £1,150 pcm



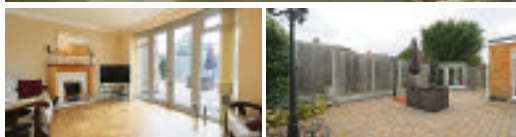
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This Is A Large Two Bedroom Semi-Detached Bungalow In Rayleigh / Lounge 11'92 x 13'62 / Brand New Kitchen With Dining Area 20'1 x 7'1 / Four Piece Bathroom Suite 7'78 x 7'64 / Master Bedroom 12'56 x 12'39 / Bedroom Two 12'49 x 10'28 / Front & Rear Gardens / Off Street Parking / Garage / EPC Band E / Available Immediately / Fees Apply /

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RAYLEIGH / **£430,000 - £450,000**

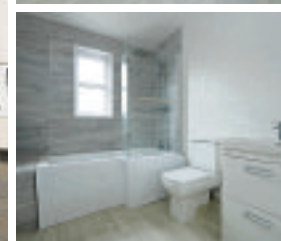
Individual Four Bedroom Detached House / Potential Annexe/ Teenager Suite / Perfect For Dual Occupancy / West Backing Rear Garden / Fitzwimarc And Grove Wood Catchment / Self Contained Bedroom And En Suite \ Stylishly Decorated Home / **Call Rayleigh Office 01702 207720 or live chat at amosestates.com**

HULLBRIDGE / **£475,000**

Individual Four Bedroom Detached Bungalow \ Huge South/West Facing Plot \ Stroll To Picturesque Riverfront \ Enormous Living Space \ Detached Double Width Garage \ En-Suite To Master Bedroom \ Double Glazed Conservatory \ Very Rarely Available Must Be Viewed \ Double Glazed Windows \ Don't Miss This Property \ **Call Hockley Office on 01702 207720 Or Live Chat At amosestates.com**

HOCKLEY / **£330,000**

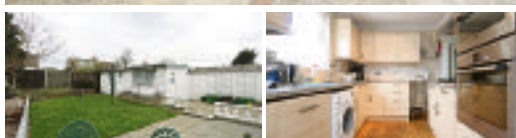
Sure To Generate Huge Interest \ Impressive Three Bedroom Property \ Extended Lounge/ Dining Room \ Modern Kitchen \ Double Glazed Windows \ Well Decorated \ Family Bathroom \ En-Suite To Master \ Double Garage \ Block Paved Driveway \ Easy Distance Of Shops & Station \ **Call Hockley Office on 01702 207720 or live chat at amosestates.com**

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Leigh On Sea £425,000



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- Three bedrooms
- Full double glazing and gas central heating
- Ample off street parking, carport and garage
- Sought after Belfairs estate

Southend On Sea £140,000



- Close to Town and Station
- Double bedroom
- Allocated parking
- No onward chain

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Westcliff-On-Sea 180,000



Peter Howard Properties are delighted to offer for sale this fantastic ground floor apartment in a sought after location. Comprising of two double bedrooms a spacious lounge with a big bay window, bathroom and kitchen. There is direct access from the kitchen out to the beautifully presented garden which is mostly laid to lawn but has a raised decked seating area perfect for those sunny evenings. There is also off road parking for two vehicles.

Southend-On-Sea 325,000



A well presented 30's style house located within easy reach of everything including mainline stations, town centre, bus routes, parks and great schools. Comprising of four bedrooms, family bathroom, lounge and kitchen/diner which is open plan into a conservatory.

Westcliff £325,000 OIEO



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- Landscaped rear garden
- No upward chain



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Hullbridge £335,000-£345,000

Nestled in this pretty tree-lined road with all local amenities close by, is this attractive and significantly extended three bedroom semi-detached house. With its lovely low maintenance garden, stunning open plan 28 ft lounge (with extended dining area) driveway for multiple cars and luxury soft close kitchen, with granite surfaces and Neff integrated appliances. The location of this home is hard to beat, with local shops, main bus routes and two stations under 1.95 miles all close by, who could ask for more?



Hullbridge £185,000-£195,000

This brilliant located modern, ground floor two bedroom maisonette, which is a stones throw away from Hullbridge's main beauty spot for picturesque walks; the river Crouch. With very few maisonettes of this type in the vicinity, this well laid out, first floor home, truly is a rare find. With a double sized master bedroom and a good sized lounge/kitchen/diner (which looks out onto your own patio area.) Boasting its own allocated parking space and being situated with three stations under 2.6 miles away, bus routes on your doorstep and local shops and amenities all in the nearby vicinity. This perfect home would make the ideal downsize, investment opportunity or the perfect first time purchase to get you on the property ladder.

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



Rayleigh

Guide Price £440,000-£460,000

As you drive down this residential sought-after road, it is impossible to miss this significant imposing house, sitting proud on a substantial corner plot. With a well tended landscaped wrap-around garden and enormous potential to increase on parking this extensively extended house is one to stop and admire. On entering the property it does not disappoint with a large spacious hallway leading to a breathtaking light flooded 24' immaculate lounge, boasting light from three aspects, encompassing two sizeable extended feature bay windows. The downstairs living space is second to none and is adjoined to an open plan kitchen/diner giving a wonderful feeling of space and luxurious comfort that makes this property stand out from its competition tenfold! With local transport links and amenities at the top of the road & Rayleigh station just 1.3 miles away the location is perfect for even the most demanding of modern families.



Hullbridge £295,000

TWO DOUBLE bedroom bungalow with NO ONWARD CHAIN, located in a popular road in the heart of Hullbridge Village. This spacious bungalow is positioned on a DESIRABLE CORNER PLOT and oozes potential. Boasting a 20'ft lounge and a decent sized master bedroom. This spacious bungalow offers a bright, airy feel throughout and has the added advantage of having main bus routes, local amenities and beautiful walks along the river Crouch all in close vicinity. This lovely bungalow has been well maintained and has a lovely, sunny rear garden and has the additional advantage of a detached garage.



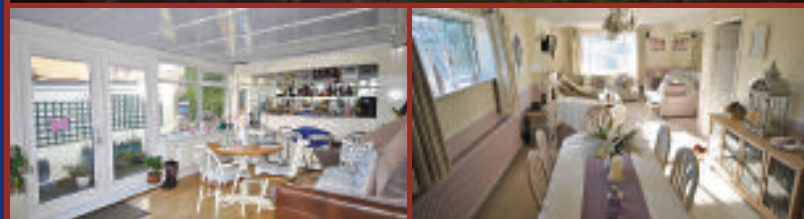
Rayleigh £445,000-£465,000

This perfect example of a 3/4 bedroom Byford chalet with lots of potential. Nestled in one of Rayleigh's most enviable roads, yet set back from Rayleigh's main high street/station and in the well regarded school catchment of Rayleigh Primary and Fitzwimarc school. This prime located home has much to offer the modern commuter family. This ideal family home affords ample off street parking and has its own detached garage, so plenty of space for the whole family and friends to park. Aside from the convenience of the location and the stunning secluded garden this property has the major benefit of scope to extend.

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Rayleigh £375,000-£405,000

This perfect 2/3 double bedroom bungalow located close to Fitzwimarc and Grove wood school catchment. With an impressive frontage and parking for several vehicles and a detached garage/workshop to the rear. This lovely bungalow is sure to receive lots of interest. With 2-3 generous sized bedrooms, a 19ft lounge overlooking the conservatory and a pretty, low maintenance south westerly garden. Who could ask for more? With local transport links and local amenities just roads away and the station and high street under 1.2 miles away. This prime location offers you a quiet, well respected neighbourhood, but offers you easy access to all the amenities of Rayleigh high street and its mainline station. Don't delay. Book your viewing today.

Hullbridge £385,000-£395,000

This maintained three bedroom detached home with a wealth of character and charm, with nothing to do but move straight in. Boasting a stunning 26' bright, light flooded lounge, with an amazing abundance of natural light from three aspects! A pretty 13' kitchen and an amazing 19' conservatory with its own lounge/dining area and even an in built bar! This unique, quirky property promises to be a popular choice! This wonderful home has the good fortune of being situated on a corner plot and has a pretty wraparound garden leading round to a west facing rear decked garden, with far reaching views. As everyone knows, location is key. Nestled in desirable Hullbridge village with three surrounding train stations all under 2.3 miles away and excellent local amenities/transport links at your fingertips, this secure well-designed property has everything covered.



Rayleigh £995 PCM

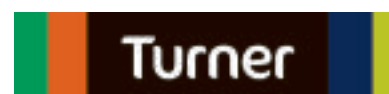
A TWO BEDROOM semi-detached chalet within walking distance of Rayleigh town centre and railway station. The property has been re-decorated throughout with new carpets and floor coverings. Available immediately. No Pets. Working applicants only. No Dss/Top ups. No Sharers. No students.

Wickford £1300 PCM

A three bedroom semi-detached bungalow with a garage. With off street parking for 2 cars. Double Glazed throughout with gas central heating. There has been no expense spared with the refurbishment of this property and early viewing of this property is thoroughly recommended. This property will not be on the market long.

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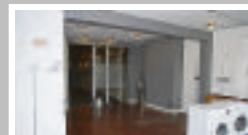
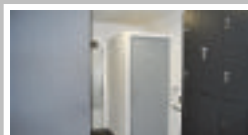


West Street, Rochford



RENT - £42,950 PAX

The premises comprise a substantial premises fronting the town square in the centre of Rochford, formerly occupied by National Westminster Bank PLC but having consent for use as a restaurant (Class A3). Planning permission was granted on the 17th May 2017 reference 17/00166/FUL to change from class A2 to class A3 restaurant/snack bar/caf  . Lettings to an A2 office user would also be considered and would not require a change of planning use.



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RENT - £2,500 PCM

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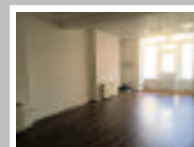
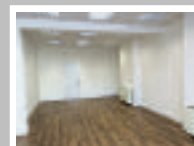
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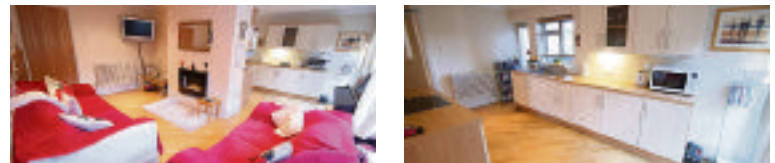
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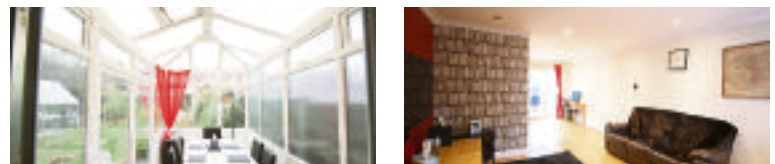
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By Stewart Smith

BUYING an electric-powered car could be a smart move according to experts at Black Book hpi, the automotive data and software support firm.

The company says that as sales in the electric vehicle sector continue to surge, analysis shows that savvy motorists could already be making a profit on a vehicle they bought just 12 months ago.

A combination of factors including the rollout of clean air zones, cheaper running costs, increased charging points, incentives to drive and wider availability from manufacturers has helped grow interest in EVs.

A car bought at one year old could be run for 12 months and 10,000 miles and be sold for more money than its purchase price.

It claims that a Peugeot iOn appreciated 8.6 per cent adding £425 to its



CHARGE: Sales of electric vehicles such as the Nissan Leaf continue to surge

value. The Vauxhall Ampera's average appreciation is 5.3 per cent or £725 in value and the most popular EV on the market,

the Nissan Leaf has an average appreciation of four per cent or £456 on its original value.

Hybrids also represent a

savvy purchase with the Toyota Yaris Hybrid appreciating on average 2.6 per cent or £292 and the Lexus GS Hybrid average appre-

ciation of 0.7 per cent or £178 on top of purchase price.

More than 60,000 new alternative fuel vehicles –

hybrids and battery powered cars – had hit Britain's roads by the middle of last year and the trend shows no signs of a slowdown.

Chris Plumb, Black Book editor, said: "Sales continue to soar in the EV market as drivers have weighed up the benefits of ownership such as greatly reduced motoring costs and other incentives around driving an alternative to petrol or diesel. Our latest analysis shows that drivers who buy the right EV can still make money on a sale after running it for a year and adding 10,000 miles.

"This will be a major factor in persuading more drivers to go down the EV road.

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Football

**Brighton & Hove Albion 3
West Ham United 1**
Brian Jeeves reporting
from the Amex Stadium

WEST Ham concluded a disastrous few days as fellow strugglers Brighton & Hove Albion completed a Premier League double, securing a comfortable victory at the Amex Stadium on Saturday.

It had been a turbulent week for the Hammers, with transfer targets falling by the wayside and the dismissal of director of player recruitment Tony Henry.

The Hammers arrived on the south coast looking to extend a six-game unbeaten league run while seeking revenge for a humiliating 3-0 defeat back in October.

Boss David Moyes selected an unchanged side from the 1-1 draw with Crystal Palace on Tuesday.

New signing Jordan Hugill was on the bench as was Winston Reid and Michail Antonio, returning from nagging injuries.

Brighton were still searching for their first league victory of 2018.

However, the Seagulls despite finding goals difficult to come by, have settled well into the top-flight,

particularly on their own ground where they had lost just three of their previous 12 Premier League fixtures.

This was recorded as the 10,000th match in Premier League history and the hosts grabbed the lead inside ten minutes when Glenn Murray slipped beyond Adrian after referee Roger East played the advantage following a foul on Anthony Knockaert.

West Ham looked groggy as Brighton probed menacingly for a second with Murray's effort blocked and Knockaert wayward.

The Hammers almost restored parity when Sam Byram's header was cleared off the line by Shane Duffy after Joao Mario and Aaron Cresswell had combined to fashion an opening from the right.

Brighton felt aggrieved when Angelo Ogbonna appeared to handle the Knockaert's strike, and the mood worsened when Javier Hernandez tiptoed through a static rearguard before firing right-footed high into the net.

West Ham were playing with more confidence. Mario was a whisker away from handing them the lead, but was unable to make contact with Cresswell's centre, while Byram

headed over after Cresswell had crossed from the right.

The intense nature of the contest continued after the break, with Brighton soon reestablishing their lead. West Ham failed to clear their lines and Jose Izquierdo beat Adrian with a wonderful angled strike which flew into the net.

Pascal Gross headed over Ezequiel Schelotto's centre, then saw another effort deflected wide as Brighton looked to put further daylight between the sides.

Meanwhile, Moyes replaced Declan Rice with Antonio in a bid to pep up his attacking options.

But Brighton now had the bit between their teeth, and Gross wasn't to be denied, sending a crisp right-footed strike low beyond Adrian to all but finish the contest.

Hugill was handed his debut in the final minutes, but there was very little the Hammers' newest recruit could do.

West Ham have picked up only two points against fellow strugglers, Bournemouth Crystal Palace and now Brighton.

After the game, Moyes said: "I was totally frustrated by the goals we conceded.

"When I first came in, I thought

we gave away too many individual error goals. A lot of it was our own downfall. That's not to say we were playing well enough anyway."

Moyes was equally upset that his side failed to capitalise after Hernandez had brought them back into the contest.

Brighton boss Chris Hughton said: "I thought we started the game very well. We got the goal and found it difficult to sustain. The second half was close to being as good as we've been this season."

West Ham return to Premier League action on Saturday, February 10 when Watford visit the London Stadium (3pm).

Brighton & Hove Albion: Matthew Ryan, Gaetan Bong, Lewis Dunk (capt), Dale Stephens, Anthony Knockaert (Solly March 77), Pascal Gross (Beram Kayal 83), Glenn Murray (Leonardo Ulloa 72), Jose Izquierdo, Ezequiel Schelotto, Shane Duffy, Davy Propper. Subs not used: Tim Krul, Bruno, Sam Baldock, Connor Goldson.

West Ham United: Adrian, Aaron Cresswell, Pablo Zabaleta, Cheikhou Kouyate, Mark Noble (capt), Javier Hernandez, Joao Mario, James Collins, Angelo Ogbonna, Sam Byram (Jordan Hugill 80), Declan Rice (Michail Antonio 66). Subs not used: Joe Hart, Winston Reid, Jose Fonte, Sead Haksabanovic, Josh Cullen.

Referee: Roger East

Assistants: Matthew Wilkes, Andy Garratt

Fourth Official: Kevin Friend

Attendance: 30,589

Demetriou spot kick keeps ball rolling for Blues

**Peterborough United 0
Southend United 1**
Sky Bet League One
By Rowland Lyons
at London Road

CHRIS Powell's excellent start in the Southend hot seat continued on Saturday as Jason Demetriou's first-half penalty ensured the Blues their first away win since the end of October.

The Shrimpers' bright opening was rewarded on seven minutes when Stephen McLaughlin's enterprising run drew a foul from Posh keeper Jonathan Bond.

Steven Taylor was last man and saved Bond from a straight red card. Demetriou stepped up and netted his sixth of the season.

Southend could have doubled their lead only two minutes later, but Bond pulled off a smart save to deny Demetriou's deflected effort.

Posh did their best to level, but

Mark Oxley made a clean catch from Jack Marriott's point-blank header before Marcus Maddison's cross-come-shot saw the keeper block from Omar Bogle.

Yearwood was lucky to stay on the pitch for a crunching tackle on former Blue Anthony Grant with both players needing treatment.

Seven minutes after the turnaround, John White was stretched off after trying to block a clean-through Marriott whose shot was well-saved by Oxley.

Having seen Simon Cox go close, McLaughlin missed a chance on 56 minutes with an angled drive that beat Bond but also his far post.

Despite forcing several corners Posh lacked ideas with Blues always threatening on the break.

Marc Antoine-Fortune made way for new boy Freddie Ladapo and the striker nearly made an instant impression with a diving header,

which flew only a few inches wide. Blues pushed on with the former Palace man proving a handful.

But due to White's worrying injury referee Dean Whitestone signalled an eye-watering ten minutes' stoppage time.

Southend managed to soak up late intense Posh pressure leaving Powell praising his players.

"The players have given me everything – their application was outstanding," he said.

"It was a great passage of play that led to our penalty, but we perhaps should have got a second goal.

"What the players are doing for me is first-class, but I shall always be demanding more."

Matchwinner Demetriou added: "It certainly wasn't a game for the purist. But, it's possibly one of our best wins of the season.

"We know we are a good team,

but have very much under-achieved this season. The new gaffer has changed things and got us going as a team. We're certainly going in the right direction."

Southend entertain runaway league leaders Wigan Athletic on Saturday (kick-off 3pm).

Peterborough United: Jonathan Bond, Liam Shepherd, Ryan Tafazolli, Andrew Hughes, Marcus Maddison, Anthony Grant (capt), Chris Forrester (Junior Morris 71), George Cooper (Danny Lloyd 71), Omar Bogle (Leonard da Silva Lopes 79), Jack Marriott, Subs (not used): Conor O'Malley, Jack Baldwin, Joe Ward, Leo Da Silva Lopes, Jermaine Anderson.

Southend United: Mark Oxley, Jason Demetriou, John White (Anton Ferdinand 52), Michael Turner, Ben Coker (capt), Dru Yearwood, Michael Timlin, Michael Kightly, Stephen McLaughlin, Simon Cox, Marc Antoine-Fortune (Freddie Ladapo 75). Subs (not used): Nathan Bishop, Jermaine McGlashan, Michael Klass, Shayon Harrison, Harry Kyrianiou.

Referee: D. Whitestone

Assistants: P. Yates, D. Ford

Fourth Official: N. Cooper

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Non-league round-up

Orient through in seven-goal thriller

By Brian Jeeves

LEYTON Orient took another step towards a Wembley showpiece final after edging past Dover Athletic in a thrilling Buildbase FA Trophy third round encounter at the Crabble Athletic Ground.

O's appeared to be coasting thanks to goals from George Elokobi, Macauley Bonne and Matt Harrold. However, Dover hit back to level the tie with Mitchell Pinnock grabbing an impressive hat-trick. But in stoppage time, David Mooney conjured up a winner for the east Londoners to ensure their passage into the last eight of the competition.

Billerica Town and East Thurrock United still have an opportunity to join Orient in the next stage. Rob Swaine and Adam Cunnington were on target for Town in a thrilling 2-2 draw at Harrogate Town, while Lewis Smith scored for the Rocks as they also forced a replay with a 1-1 draw at Spennymoor Town.

Dagenham & Redbridge were left frustrated when their National League clash at FC Halifax Town was postponed due to bad weather.

However, there was plenty of action in the National South, with Chelmsford City ending a run of six matches without a win by seeing off Chippenham Town 2-0 at the Melbourn Stadium. Chris Dickson opened the scoring for the Clarets shortly before the break from the penalty spot, while Elliot Omozusi ensured Rod Stringer's men the points 12 minutes from time.

Femi Akinwande and Steve Cawley ensured Concord Rangers maximum points as the Beach Boys saw off Oxford City by the odd goal in three at the Aspect Arena. Meanwhile, Braintree Town picked up a point from a goalless encounter at Havant & Waterlooville.

Jordan Clark, Perry Dunn and Joe Christou all found the net during the opening period as Thurrock picked up a valuable Bostik League Premier Division victory over Enfield Town at Ship Lane. Mickey Parcell responded for the E's, but the hosts held on to win 3-1.

Bostik North leaders AFC Hornchurch continued their charge towards the title with a 3-0 win at Hertford Town. Theo Fairweather-Johnson bagged a brace, while George Purcell added another from the penalty spot as the Urchins maintain their 13-point advantage at the top of the table.

Second-placed Bowers & Pitsea were 4-2 winners over Bury Town at the Len Salmon Stadium. Lewis Manor scored twice with John Easterford and David Knight completing the scoring. Meanwhile, Billy Jones gave Barking the lead from the spot against Canvey Island at Park Lane. Former Chelmsford City man, Frankie Merrifield, scored shortly before the hour to ensure the Gulls a share of the spoils.

Kieran Bailey, Oluwole Akinsanya and Rhys Henry eased Maldon & Tiptree to a 3-1 success over Soham Town Rangers at the Wallace Binder Ground, and there was a 2-1 win for Tilbury over Ware at Chadfields, Siju Odelusi and Toby Aromolaran with the Dockers' goals.

Alex Teniola was the star of the show, completing a hat-trick as Aveley thrashed local rivals Romford 5-1 at Parkside. Connor Witherspoon and Anthony Martin scored the Millers' other goals, while Bryan Kyungu responded for the visitors.

Michael Ademiluyi hit the only goal as Haringey Borough saw of Brentwood Town at Coles Park, while a Correy Davidson goal 20 minutes from time earned Witham Town a 1-1 draw at Cheshunt. Kieran Bishop's late strike couldn't prevent Grays Athletic from slipping to a 2-1 defeat at Mildenhall Town, while Waltham Abbey also ended the day pointless after going down 2-0 at AFC Sudbury.

Barkingside were the big winners of the day in the Essex Senior League, winning 7-1 against Hackney Wick at the Old Spotted Dog Ground. Basildon United slipped to a 3-1 home defeat to Sawbridgeworth Town.

Great Wakering Rovers eased to a 2-0 success at Sporting Bengal United, while Waltham Forest also won on the road, seeing off Burnham Ramblers by a single goal at Leslie Field.

West Essex won an entertaining contest with Woodford Town (2017) by the odd goal in five at Mayesbrook Park, and there was a 1-0 win for Stansted over Southend Manor at the Southchurch Park Arena.

Elsewhere, Ilford and Tower Hamlets played out a tense 1-1 draw at the Cricklefield Stadium.

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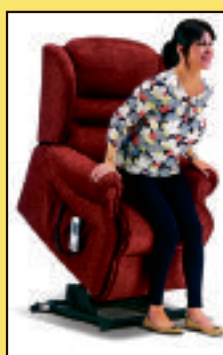


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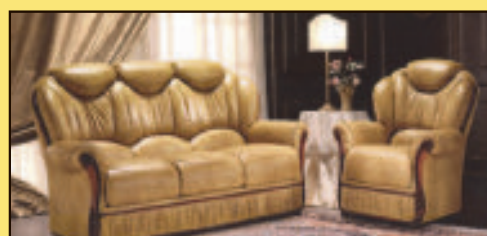
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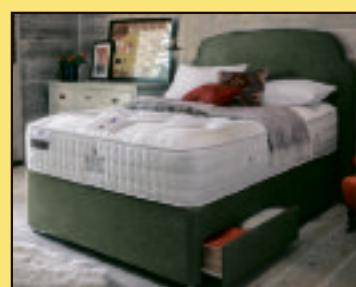


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